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For: PROCESSED MANGO JUICE AND BEVERAGE CONTAINING IT

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 14, 2004 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-14 directed to processed mango juice. This response is made with traverse to the extent that claim 15 may be rejoined once product claims have been allowed.

In addition, the examiner requires applicants to elect between the species of 9-11, alcoholic beverages, versus species 12 and 13, non-alcoholic beverages, such as soft drinks. Applicants elect the species of claims 9-11, alcoholic beverages such as fruit wine or liqueur. Claims 1-11 and 14 read on the elected subject matter.

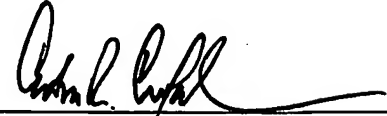
An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 21, 2002, July 8, 2002 (with corrected PTO-1449 form filed on the same day), August 20, 2002, August 26, 2002 and most recently on July 12, 2003.

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